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SALINAS COUNCIL NOTES

New delegates to the Salinas labor council from Carpenters 925 are E. J. Klas and A. O. Miller, seated last week.

Barbers Union 927 reports a donation donated to the McBride fund at a good meeting last month.

Bro. Barnes of Bartenders Union 545 reports good progress being made in negotiating a new contract.

Painters 1104 reports several new members accepted and initiated recently.

Bro. Keagan has been named to handle affairs of the Laundry Workers Union for the time being, with Letta Williams as new secretary-treasurer. A new contract has been negotiated with the Bell Laundry.

Squid Catch Moderate But Plans Working

Fishermen from the port of Monterey reported last week that the catch of squid was falling off and that boats would fish only every other day, but nine fish cannerys were operating on the squid pack, keeping hundreds of fish cannery workers busy.

Lester Caveny, business agent of the Lester Cannery Workers Union, reported that the union's membership wishing summer pack employment has been placed on jobs at the nine plants. There are a few workers idle, however, he added, because of the drop in the tonnage of squid.

One plant, Hovden's, is not working on squid despite an earlier announcement that the plant would pack during the summer. It was reported, without confirmation, that this plant is waiting for a price relief before starting summer pack.

Salinas Butchers All Now Union; Observe New Hours

All butcher shops in the Salinas area are now 100 per cent union, thanks to the organizational efforts of E. L. Courtwright, new business agent for Butchers Union 506 in this area.

New hours are now being observed by the butcher shops, which are now open only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, except Sunday.

The new contracts negotiated by Courtwright in signing up those markets which were non-union, including all the Chinese butcher shop contracts, became effective May 6.

BUD KENYON IN HOSPITAL

William G. ("Bud") Kenyon, former secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas and now a business agent for Warehousemen and Teamsters 890, was to enter a Salinas hospital last Saturday for a minor operation and for a physical checkup.

Kenyon, formerly prominent in Barbers Union 827 as secretary and representative, is well known for his union labor activities in Salinas and vicinity.

KARL HESS DROPS DEAD

Karl Hess, representative of Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas in past years and prominent leader in that organization as well as in other labor activities in Salinas, dropped dead last week.

Funeral services were held last Thursday with other labor leaders and union members among those paying last respects.

DEER HEADS BOXMAKERS

John Deer has been named business representative in the Salinas area for the ox Makers Union, it was reported last week.

Deer will have his headquarters in the Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., for the present.

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COUNCIL TO BACK HUGH DORMODY FOR ASSEMBLYMAN

By action at its last meeting, the Monterey County Central Labor Council voted to endorse the candidacy of Dr. Hugh Dormody for Assemblyman, in preference to Fred Emley, incumbent.

Unofficial reports going around are that local labor is behind Emley, but officials of the Central Labor Council announce that the official endorsement of the Council has been voted to Dormody.

Drastic Cut in Bread Supplies Will Hurt Jobs For Journeyman

Washington, D.C. America's generosity in sending wheat to starving Europe cuts everybody's bread alike. It may give the bakery owners an OPA order for higher prices, but the union baker sees a sharp pay cut ahead as well.

This paradox was outlined by Research Director Andrew Myrup of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers Int'l. Union (AFL), who said the union's 110,000 members were eager to do their part to relieve famine conditions abroad.

Most of the nation's big bakers are operating now on a 6-day week, in which the union members get time and a half for the sixth day. With the 25% cut in flour, Myrup explained, the operating bakers will drop to a 5-day week, thus giving the workers a cut in take-home pay that will amount to about 30%.

The problem of how to handle the reduction, whether in layoffs or a spread-the-work program, will be determined by the local unions in various cities and towns. The union's constitution gives locals a great deal of autonomy.

Myrup said the Chicago headquarters of the union "is being bombarded by phone calls and wires on layoffs and 'reduced hours,'" and that the organization "hoped the emergency will be of short duration." It is now estimated the cutback program will end June 30.

About 90,000 of the 60-year-old union's total membership is engaged in baking. The remainder work in confectionery shops and the macaroni industry.

Short Coats for Ladies Declared Companies' Gyp

New York City. Those short coats in style this spring were actually a cute trick for short-changing the American woman. In case you didn't notice, the "shorts" cost as much as the 33-inch length which was originally set as the minimum by the government's style conservation Order L-85.

The order was amended by violation when the Civilian Production Administration gave in to the appeal of the American Retail Federation that it be allowed to dispose of the stylish too-short coats in time for Easter. Since these coats flagrantly violated the OPA order, the order was changed. And the manufacturers went ahead to make three coats out of the material for two. As for the customer, you pay \$30, \$40, \$50, but you don't have any choice.

KENNY AFLers

SAN FRANCISCO.—A state AFL Committee for Kenny for Governor has been formed and will hold a conference in Los Angeles Sunday, May 19. Among members are George Kelly and Thomas Small, vice-presidents of the State Federation of Labor; Anthony Ballerini, Machinists 1327; Harold Lopez, Teamsters 85; Vic Swanson, Engineers 8; Art Neergard, Bartenders 41; Jack Goldberger, Newspaper Drivers 921.

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Business Men Join Fight to Protect OPA

Washington, D.C. A couple of impressive warnings were sounded as Big Business continued to put on the heat in the Senate to force out an inflationary OPA extension bill.

Senators, already becoming alarmed at the record deluge of mail and wires from the people back home protesting against the House bill knifing price control and assuring higher business profits, studied these two new developments:

1—A group of business organized into the Council of American Business publicly revolted against the Nat'l. Ass'n. of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce by writing Senators to extend the OPA without change.

2—The U.S. Department of Commerce released official figures showing that American corporations in 1945 managed somehow to pile up profits of \$20,900,000,000 before taxes. After paying their taxes, they showed profits that were only 7% below the 1944 figure, and this with the heavy cancellation of government war orders after V-E Day.

Similar to the trend recorded for the year just after World War I, the government agencies report, "farm wages have continued upward since the shooting stopped last August."

Farm hands received wages in 1945 which were between two and three times as high as in 1939 in the area surveyed. The pay for April, 1946, was another 8% higher than for April, 1945.

Wages were only slightly higher when World War II began in 1939 than they had been at the end of World War I and for the two years that the conflict remained a European affair they increased only a trifle. In 1941 the increase was 30% and another 30% increase occurred in 1942, after which the rate of gain slowed down.

Average pay in the spring of 1946 is \$86.25 a month with board and \$117 without board, or \$4.25 and \$5.20 to workers hired by the day. Demand for help continues to be high, but now, however, they are economizing on safety programs.

3—The new businessmen's organization is headed by Gen. Mgr. George C. Hatch of the Intermountain Network, Ogden, Utah. It issued a public statement saying that Big Business opposition to OPA was based upon a "philosophy of greed." It declared NAM's "weasel worded statistics are a deliberate distortion of the feeling of American business toward OPA."

In a warning to Congress, the council said the House version of the OPA extension bill would result in runaway inflation and "if we have one more great boom and bust cycle, independent private enterprise will be wiped out beyond recall."

Navy Won't Let Tuna Boats Oil Up! Interferes With Companies

San Pedro, Calif. The U.S. Navy refuses to send fuel oil to 15 tuna boats stranded off Mexico because it would "compete with private enterprise," Rep. Pete King of a fisherman's union charged here.

There are 1000 tons of fish on the boats. Some of the boats have been out 80 days, had a long hunt for the tuna in rough weather and found their usual refueling port out of oil.

Private enterprise charges \$25,000 to \$50,000 for chartering a tanker.

"And the government sends 50,000 tons of oil to Franco every week," King commented.

Directors of the Westinghouse Corp. celebrated the 100th day of their workers' strike by cutting a profit cake of \$31,500 into a 25c quarterly dividend for stockholders.

The directors had to walk through a 600-man picketline to get into their Wall Street board meeting, at which they also approved application for a \$80 million loan.

Report Bovines Stubborn; Won't Put Off Milking

Des Moines, Iowa. Announcement of an outside factor in union negotiations was made here by Bus. Agent Dan DeHeck of Local 387, Int'l. Bro. of Teamsters.

In giving terms of a new contract with four ice cream companies which pay overtime after 40 hours but guarantee a 48-hour week, he remarked: "We haven't been able to convince the cows they should take Saturdays off."

That is my outlook. I look forward to a time when men shall progress upon something worthier and higher than his stomach, when there will be a finer incentive to impel men to action than the incentive of today, which is the incentive of the stomach. I retain my belief in the nobility and excellence of the human. I believe that spiritual sweetness and unselfishness will conquer the gross gluttony of today. And last of all, my faith is in the working-class. As some Frenchmen has said, "The stairway of time is ever echoing with the polished boot descending."

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Here's Farmers Not Afraid of Minimum Wage For Hired Hands

Madison, Wisconsin.

The Nat'l. Grange's opposition to the 65c minimum wage isn't cutting any ice with Wisconsin farmers. Despite cries by the Grange, spokesman for the corporate farm interests, that it encourages "laziness," farmers are paying that kind of money right now to their hired hands.

Washington, D.C. The pay for hands who work by the day without board is currently \$5.20, same amount a factory worker gets for a day at 65c an hour.

This is average and not minimum but all indications point to a continued upward trend as analyzed by the Wisconsin and U.S. Departments of Agriculture.

"Similar to the trend recorded for the year just after World War I," the government agencies report, "farm wages have continued upward since the war's end. Statistics bear out this fear and justify the apprehension.

Frequency of on-the-job injuries in the last six months of 1945 was 5% higher than in the first half of the year. Increasing more sharply than this are the deaths and serious injuries that have occurred. Since the industrial fatalities in the first months of this year are approximately the same as in the early months of 1945, this means a marked rise in the frequency, or rate of injuries, because total man-hours have shrunk.

PERSONNEL CUTDOWN

According to newspaper reports, Mr. M. S. Diekens, safety director of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, told delegates to the recent 16th annual conference of the Greater New York Safety Council that "in all but a very few (plants) the safety departments have been or are being eliminated. Many a good safety man has been forced to find work in other fields."

Smaller firms are apparently calling back their safety programs. The Walsh-Healy Act requires all companies working on government contracts to have an adequate safety program, and when they were using federal money the smaller firms were glad to call in safety engineers. Now, however, they are economizing on safety programs.

SMALLER FIRMS

E. R. Granniss of the National Conservation Bureau asserts that many smaller firms are too preoccupied with labor problems and other problems of reconversion to spend much energy on safety.

Smaller plants always have been the great headache in accident prevention.

Montreal Labor Rallies to Aid Brewery Union

Montreal, Canada.

Unprecedented unity and cooperation in the Montreal labor movement is shaping up around the strike of 700 members of Local 301, United Brewery Workers (unaffiliated), against Nat'l. Breweries, Ltd. Resentment against the company is spreading, fanned by management's discharge of strikers, its attempts to recruit an army of strikebreakers and arrests of Local 301 pickets for alleged violation of an injunction.

Should expected police violence break the strike materialize, some of the most powerful of the unions here plan mass demonstrations and a fight to the finish with the anti-union employer bloc.

Ranged against the brewery local and the joint strike support committee are the Canadian Ass'n. of Manufacturers, an anti-union outfit similar to the Nat'l. Ass'n. of Manufacturers, the Canadian Legion and the Discharged Veterans Bureau, all of which rendered strikebreaking services to the company. Large ads taken by management in the local papers, among other high-sounding inducements, offered scabs "sports programs, recreation facilities, social programs."

SENATOR TAFT DOESN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HIS MAIL, IT APPEARS

Washington, D.C. Jack Martin, secretary to leading anti-OPA Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.), admitted to FP:

1. His office is getting price control mail by the sackload.

2. Most of it says "Keep OPA."

3. Letters mentioning amendments to the Price Control Act are to the defendant's initials to protect him:

"The examination of the defendant, C.B., under supplemental proceedings pursuant to Section 714 C.C.P., came on regularly before me on the 2nd day of January, 1946, and it appears that the defendant is the owner of two (2) U.S. War Bonds in the denomination of \$25.00, and it appears that the defendant has no other assets to apply upon the judgment in the above entitled action, and good cause appearing therefore;

"IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that on or before January 16, 1946, the defendant herein, C.B., cash one U.S. War Bond and pay to the plaintiff herein the proceeds from said war bond to the above entitled judgment, or otherwise pay the equivalent of said \$25.00 bond as credit on the judgment. —J. W. SAUNDERS, Referee."

Research Director Andrew Myrup of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers Int'l. Union explained that the heavy profit items in the field are in cake, fancy breads and pies. With competition from the big chain bakers, the small operators may surrender the bread field temporarily to the chains.

The union helped save the industry's profit position during the war by suggesting that it cut down on cake icing using scarce sugar in order to save on pastry production and good profits while it was being squeezed by OPA controls on bread in the face of rising flour costs.

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Labor Playing Biggest Part In Battle of Price Control

Chicago, Ill.

As protest against the murder of OPA swelled throughout the nation, labor unions from coast to coast put their strength into the people's fight to save price control and the nation's living standards.

In Chicago a giant Town Hall meeting of almost 1000 people representing more than a million Chicagoans crowded into City Hall to form a people's lobby to save OPA in the Senate. Every major organization in the city was represented. A huge delegation of packinghouse workers arrived in three chartered El trains.

BIG DEMONSTRATION

The organizations unanimously voted to unite for a huge demonstration in the Loop. Mayor Edward Kelly, impressed by the large gathering, told the meeting: "If something isn't done to hold the line the country will be ruined financially, morally and every other way."

In San Francisco labor and veterans organizations planned an avalanche of letters to Senators, a parade, picketlines in front of department stores, work stoppages in various plants and possibly "customer strikes" to put the heat on Congress.

Open air meetings, shop gate gatherings, mass distribution of leaflets and home visits to weekend Congressmen were held throughout New York. The garment center's 85,000 AFL dressmakers warned Senators against passage of the crippling House amendments.



"Now take the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers," Mr. Dilworth began.

"You take it, Pop, I just washed my hands," said Little Luther.
"Keep your dirty little mouth shut, my boy," said Mr. Dilworth.

"So now my mouth's dirty. I suppose I have to go out and wash that," Little Luther sighed.

"Might be a good idea," Mr. Dilworth allowed. "But what I wanted to say was, we owe a debt of gratitude to the NAM, son."

"They hold us up on prices, smash the OPA, and we still owe them something?" Little Luther asked.
"Who opened this account, anyway?"

"You look at things with too mercenary an eye, my boy . . ."
"Like you when you're doing out my allowance?" asked Little Luther.

"It may be true," said Mr. Dilworth, ignoring him, "that there'll be a wee drop of inflation, prices may go up a tiny bit . . ."
"Sure, sure," said Little Luther.
"Nothing much. Not a penny over 50 or 100%, I'll bet."

" . . . But," continued his father, "isn't that an insignificant price to pay to lose the OPA? Isn't that cheap to keep our great freedom of enterprise?"

"Keep right on," said Little Luther. "I'll give you the answers to all your questions as soon as I get this rubber kazoo fitted into my mouth."

"You're not taking me seriously enough, Luther," Mr. Dilworth announced. "Where would Luther be if it weren't for the NAM?"

"It's still be out in the middle of New York harbor," Little Luther said, "and it's too bad you and the NAM aren't there, too."

RULE OF BIG BIZ

"Big business has been dinning into our ears — abolish all governmental price controls . . . let the natural law of supply and demand operate without interference. Propagandists for monopolists are careful not to mention that this country has arrived at a state where top controls interfere with natural law of supply and demand. The U.S. Dept. of Justice records show that all of our basic industries are under control of monopolies and regulated by cartel agreements by which production and prices are controlled according to the will of the combinations. Therefore when Big Business people yell for abolishing government price control and talk about supply and demand regulating, in reality, they are asking us to place control in their hands."

"Plain facts," Tamm County (Tex.) Labor Congress.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL, CHIEF OF STAFF, HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT LABOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO PRODUCTION: "THE RECORD IN THE GREATEST PRODUCTION RACE IN HISTORY REPRESENTS A TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT. YOU HAVE MADE POSSIBLE THE OVERWHELMING SUPERIORITY IN SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT THAT HAS ENABLED OUR ARMY AND THOSE OF OUR ALLIES TO WREST THE INITIATIVE FROM THE ENEMY IN EVERY THEATER OF WAR."

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BOOKS

MEDICINE IN INDUSTRY by Bernhard J. Stern. Published by The Commonwealth Fund, 41 E. 57th St., New York 22. Price \$1.50.

The American worker who believes he is getting a raw deal from the company doctor and from management generally on health and safety in the plant and in treatment of industrial accidents and disease will find his suspicions largely upheld in the latest study in the field titled "Medicine in Industry," by Bernhard J. Stern and published by The Commonwealth Fund.

Here is what Stern has to say about the company doctor (in Chap. 7): "The physical examinations given by the industrial physician (company doctor) are often too scant and cursory to permit fundamental diagnosis." On minor surgery, known as repair service or patchwork, Stern says there has been a wrong management attitude and "the result has been indifferent surgical work of low standard which has unfortunate consequences on the incidence of permanent disabilities." Increasingly, he says, the company doctor "instead of being regarded as a physician concerned primarily with his patients' welfare, is now accepted as a technical adviser sharing management's viewpoint."

One way to get around such suspicions on the part of workers, he suggests, is "when the labor-management health and safety committees of individual plants are permitted to share in the administration of the medical departments and when health matters are handled through the regular grievance machinery of the unions" (p. 167).

The study takes detailed notice of efforts by unions to improve the health of their members and to counteract the abuses of health conditions and their consequences by management.

The Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union health centers in New York and Philadelphia and the United Auto Workers health institute in Detroit are very favorably mentioned. Many other unions are also cited for merit-work.

But most managements are too greedy for profits and too blind to their responsibilities as well as to their long-term advantage to care much about employees' health. Stern says (p. 112): "The limited distribution of industrial medical services bears evidence that the concept of conservation of human resources has not yet been fully incorporated into industrial management policy."

The company-doctor racket in the coal mines was exposed by Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers in his opening words in the soft coal negotiations and bears out what Stern says in his book. Lewis called the setup "the so-called company-doctor system, a scourge foisted upon mine workers representing well over half the total annual production of coal."

"A company doctor," Lewis explained, "does much more than treat the sick and injured. He acts as company representative in compensation cases. He is the company agent in insurance claims. He determines the physical fitness of job applicants. The company selects a doctor of its own choosing. Although his salary is paid out of deductions from the miners' wages, the doctor works for the company, not the employees. A doctor thus selected testifies against workers in compensation cases where the company disputes the extent of an employee's injuries. He does the company's bidding in passing upon the physical fitness of job applicants."

GIGGLES AND GROANS

A LUCKY STRIKE
Then there is the one about the girl musician who wore a strapless evening gown without the slightest danger of it slipping down. She was a whiz on the piano. Lost in admiration of her musical accomplishments, one bystander said to the other:

"She certainly has a wonderful repertoire."

"Yes, indeed," replied another. "And so round, so firm, so fully packed."

EASY ALTERNATIVE

Some of the neighbors were on the street corner some time back discussing the problem of disemployment facing the women war workers when the soldiers returned. One of them, however, was unconcerned. He said:

"It's very simple. Just keep the women on the job and let the men stay home and have the babies. All that is necessary is a certain amount of retooling."

BETWEEN HOLIDAYS

It seems that a snooty society matron dropped into a New York book store and asked for a certain book on birth control. The clerk showed her the popular \$1 copy. But she wanted an edition with a fancier binding. Told that it came only in the paper covers, she accepted it with reluctance and remarked: "Well, I guess it's good enough for every day."

QUITE A GAL, MARIE

One of the prominent New York magazine book reviewers was doing a notice on a current volume and included this gem:

"The Fortress flew on with her chin up, like Marie Antoinette walking to the scaffold, even when red flames from her pitted gasoline tanks were spreading from her cockpit to her tail."

BEFORE AND AFTER

"Doc," said the old mountaineer, leading a gangling youth into the presence of the village medic. "I want you should fix up my son-in-law. I shot him in the leg yesterday and lamed him up a mite."

"Tut, tut," clucked the doctor disapprovingly, "shame on you for shooting your own son-in-law!"

"Wal, doc," rejoined the mountaineer, "he warn't my son-in-law when I shot him."

LOGICAL AT LEAST
TEACHER—Yes, children, an Indian wife is called a squaw. Now what do you suppose Indian babies are called?

BRIGHT PUPIL—I know—squawkers.

EFFICACIOUS REMEDY
SOB SISTER: Here's a letter from a girl who wants to know what to give as a birthday present to her wealthy aunt, who is sick and can hardly walk?

CITY EDITOR: How about some floor wax?

Latest Pocket Books

Another top-notch collection of 25c reprints is currently announced by Pocket Books, Inc. Among them are: "Lust for Life," famous novel about Vincent Van Gogh, by Irving Stone; "Action at Aquila," Civil War romance by Hervey Allen; "The Sea Wolf," classic saga of the sea by Jack London; "The Spiderweb Trail," western by Eugene Cunningham (by the way, the Pocket Book westerns are the best in the field—really excellent); "Nine and Death Makes Ten," another suspenseful mystery by the veteran Carter Dickson. The usual high PB standard.—AES.

Varying Formulas

Some people get sick looking down from the tops of tall buildings. Others find it simpler to read a speech by Rankin.

WHO ARE CRIMINALS?

"The so-called 'war crimes trials' in Germany and Japan threaten to become immense flop. In Tokyo, Kiyoshi Gogo, former president of Mitsubishi heavy industries, has been released 'because of lack of evidence.' At Nuremberg, Krupp, chief of the concern which did so much to put Hitler in power and to make the weapons with which Hitler assailed the world, was 'sick' and therefore could not stand trial. The judges obligingly complied. King Victor Emmanuel, who eagerly collaborated with Mussolini for more than 20 years, is living in luxury and efforts are being made by London, and possibly by Washington, to boost his son or his grandson to the vacant throne. What must a man do in order to become a war criminal? Why make so much noise over the execution of a general, here or there, if the big fellows are to escape?" — LABOR, newspaper of the 15 standard railroad labor organizations.

—That in Russian villages most of the trading is conducted by some 28,000 consumer co-operative societies?

—That these consumer societies, which take in the larger part of the rural population, are closely connected with the industrial co-ops which supply them with various goods?

—That these co-ops elect their own management committees, vote to declare consumer dividends, and otherwise democratically operate these enterprises?

—That during the 10 years before the war co-op membership increased from 24 million in 1930 to 36 million in 1940?

—That retail turnover increased from 5 billion rubles in 1930 to over 42 billion rubles in 1939?

—That these figures reflect the greatly improved standard of living for the masses in that country?

—That, since 1918, consumption of sugar, biscuits and confectionery has increased tenfold?

—That citizens in the farm areas are buying 14 times as much soap, 7 times as much clothing and 30 times as much furniture as they did before 1917?

—That in 1939, these village co-ops sold 900 million rubles worth of phonographs, cameras, bicycles and sports equipment, commodities almost unknown in the old days?

—That these results show the great value of co-operative enterprises, regardless of the social system under which they may exist?

Saying Wage

A "saving wage," not merely a living wage — that's the present-day goal of labor, President Robert A. Olson of Labor told the A. F. of L. State, County and Municipal Employes Union at its national convention here last week. Such a wage should be high enough to cover all necessities, a few luxuries, an annual vacation at a resort and something for a "rainy day," Olson declared.

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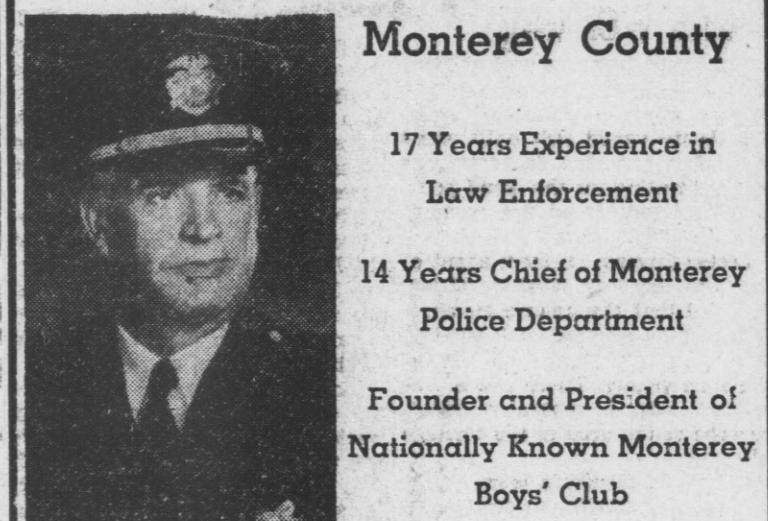
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CORONER and Public Administrator Monterey County Election June 4, 1946



Incumbent J. A. Ollie Cornett today announced his candidacy for the office of Coroner and Public Administrator in and for the County of Monterey in the forthcoming June Election. He has given his entire and undivided time to this office and runs on his record as a public servant and feels his record should be sufficient to warrant his support by the public that he has served.

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for Earl Warren!

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CULINARY UNION 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call, Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. R. Ingols, P.O. Box 2, Freedom, Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Secy.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeld, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 252—Cets on call in Teamsters Hall, Main and John Streets. Mildred Clayton, president and business agent. Phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 117 Pajaro Street at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Earl Ross. Fin. Secy. and Business Agent, Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa Street, phone 4126. Recording Secy., Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 3783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Everly; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 a.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schrike, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville, Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martello, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove, Secy., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 41 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777, Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 41 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple, Pres., R. H. Clinch, 348 1/2 West Street, Vice-Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street, Secy.-Treas., W. Y. Karchic, 20 Nativity Rd., Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary-treasurer, R. MacRossie; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

TEAMSTERS 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, Phone 1046; Art. Sec., R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres., A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

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We regret to report that Business Agent Bud Kenyon is in the hospital, but recovering. However, we are happy to report that President Albert Harris is back on the job.

Back Pay Starts Big
Rush of Workers to
Telegraphers' Union

Washington, D.C.

Distribution of back pay checks representing a retroactive wage increase forced from the Western Union Telegraph Co. has started a nation-wide movement to join the Commercial Telegraphers Union (AFL), Pres. W. L. Allen reported.

A total of 2300 new members joined the CTU in March after receiving back pay checks that averaged \$500 after tax deductions. The highest payment yet recorded was for \$860 net.

Underpaid WU workers are using the windfall for mortgage payments, loans, doctor bills and replenishment of wardrobes.

It's fine if we can have both, but remember that it's more important to elect a good Legislature than a good Governor.

Quickie Street Car
Strike Puts 50,000
Riders 'On the Hoof'

Washington, D.C.

Some 50,000 Virginia commuters were stranded recently when employees of the Washington-Virginia-Maryland Coach Co. went on strike without warning for higher wages. The men are members of the Amalgamated Assn. of Street, Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employees of America (AFL).

The company reported it had offered an 8c an hour wage to the men at a cost of \$140,000 a year providing it was granted a rate increase. The workers' demands would cost the company an estimated \$268,000.

Keep Up That Barrage
About Price Control!

Only hope for saving price control now is to deluge Senators with postcards, petitions and wires demanding that the Senate pass the OPA extension law cutting out the crippling amendments passed by the House. Since it's the housewives who will feel the pinch first if price control goes, why not arm yourself with a batch of postcards or petitions and make a tour of the nylon and butter lines?

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ANTI-UNIONISM DIES HARD IN
AMERICAN INDUSTRY, SHOWN:
Figures Reveal
10% of Strikes
For Recognition

Washington, D.C.

Indications are growing that American employers have adopted a studied "get tough with unions" policy in the hope that they can break them and drive workers back from war-gained gains.

One straw in the wind bearing out that statement is seen in the official bureau of Labor Statistics figures on the number of strikes over recognition of unions as the collective bargaining agent of their workers.

We are now in the eleventh year of operation of the Wagner Labor Relations Act which gives workers the right to organize. It also provides the machinery with which to settle the recognition issue in a legal, peaceful manner by NLRB elections.

RECORD FOR 1945

Soon after V-J Day (Aug. 14, 1945) the trend toward more strikes on the recognition issue began to zoom. Totals for all of 1945 show that there were 462 strikes for recognition or recognition linked with wages and hours. These constituted 10.1% of all strikes in the year and the incidence was 18.7% of the total number of man days lost.

By comparison, there were only 90 strikes over the closed or union shop issue in 1945, or 1.9% of the total number. They resulted in just 2.6% of the total man days of idleness.

THE STRIKE RECORD

Lest there be a misunderstanding about labor's wartime record in observing its no-strike pledge, BLS officially reports that for the entire period of U.S. participation in World War II, strikes from all causes cost the nation a little more than one-tenth of 1% of the total available working time. And as the U.S. Marine Corps. has admitted, that is less than the percentage of its members who went "over the hill" or were charged with being AWOL.

Strikes in 1945 for wages and hours constituted 42.4% of the total number in the country, involving 6.2% of the workers on strike. Against this, the number on strike for recognition or recognition linked with wages and hours.

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COMPARISON SHOWN

BLS figures for 1945 also show that the AFL was involved in 3% of the total number of strikes that year, while the CIO was involved in 50%. AFL strikes, however, covered only 20% of the striking workers while CIO walkouts (mostly in larger plants) involved 49%. Unaffiliated unions, with 17% of the strikes in 1945, took in over 25% of the workers and a large part of this figure is credited to the United Mine Workers (AFL) which was unaffiliated at that time.

Here is a table summarizing by years strikes for union recognition:

YEAR	STRIKES	WORKERS INVOLVED	MAN DAYS LOST
1945	462	10.1	347,700 11.3
1944	389	8.1	213,397 10.1
1943	244	6.5	44,981 2.2
1941	1213	27.1	412,320 17.4
1937	1142	24.2	471,458 27.9

Strikes from all causes by union affiliation (in %) followed by the percentage of the total number of workers on strike, by affiliation, for the same period are shown below:

YEAR	STRIKES	AFL	CIO	INDEP.	AFL	CIO	INDEP.
1945	37	40%	17%		20%	49%	25%
1944	34	39	20		22	52	19
1943	37	37	16		20	44	32
1941	54	37	1.6		24	69.5	1.1

All of the figures are official, all are from BLS. The 1945 figures are printed in the April issue of the Monthly Labor Review.

DIXIE DAZZLER—Pretty Gloria Mann plays dark-eyed Veronica of the phon

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Asks Halt On Racketeering In War Bonds

Oakland, Calif.

E. Hermann, Editor of the *Epic News*, has addressed an appeal to Pres. Harry S. Truman, Treasury Secretary Fred Vinson and all members of the Senate and House to take steps to protect war bonds of the people against possible judgment proceedings. Says Hermann:

"The war bonds will be paid to you—if and provided some third party has not meanwhile obtained a judgment against you (which can be done in hundred ways.)"

'CROOKS AND RACKETEERS'
Hermann quotes from a recent editorial in the weekly *Labor*: "Crooks and racketeers, says the *Wall Street Journal*, have found a pot of gold. It is the savings of our war workers and veterans and the war bond tucked away by hard-working Americans during the past four years."

Continues Hermann:
HOT AFTER YOUR DOUGH

"Today, the attorneys for judgment creditors are reviving claims sometimes two decades old. (We know of one such case.) The debtor under oath is questioned as to whether he—or any other member of his family—owns bonds. If the answer is yes, the hunt is on. If he owns them himself the rest is tragedy. If another family member owns them an attempt is made to trace the purchase price to the debtor even though the bonds have been owned by another for years. Go sit in on a 'Supplementary Proceeding' session. You will learn a lot about this alleged 'SAFEST INVESTMENT ON EARTH'?"

Gentlemen, you alone can remedy this situation. You can make these bonds what their holders think they are. You can make them a true 'exempt nestegg.' You will have to face this issue soon. You now have the choice to face it now or next November. We sincerely hope you will act now—and stop what the *Wall Street Journal* admits is a "racket."

* He suggests immediate action as follows:

1. Exempt all "E" Bonds individually held from execution at least up to \$3000.
2. Exempt all bonds from all claims, judgments, or revivals of same based on transactions prior to Pearl Harbor.
3. Absolutely prohibit any federal court, or any court in any of our states, territories, possessions, or agencies from assuming any jurisdiction over or issuing any order, judgment, directive or assuming any control either by law, implication or construction, over any bond except only that—

a. In case of intestacy a proper court with surrogate powers can direct the division of the owners' estate.

b. In case of incompetency a proper guardian may be appointed.

c. In case of purchase of bonds with funds acquired by felony that a correction be made provided only that first the felon has been prosecuted to conviction. Fix a date (as in insurance policies) after which ownership is incontestable.

The report was accepted.

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Ero. W. T. Evans, Carpenter 1320. No meeting since the council met. He reports for the committee on old age pension and recommends adoption of the resolution as presented by Marin County B. & C.T.C.

Ero. Decker, Hod Carriers & Laborers L.U. 690, we will meet Sunday, May 5, 1946. He read a letter from their general vice-president, Joseph Marshall, directing them to insist that all laborers have work orders from the B. & C.T.C. or secretary before being put to work on the job site.

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The recommendation of the Old Age Pension Committee was discussed;

It was moved and seconded the recommendation of the committee to accept and the resolution concurred in. (Carried.)

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BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President Wm J. Dickerson, 8:05 p.m. Roll call showed six local unions represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CREDENTIALS

None.

BILLS

All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

From the State B. & C.T.C. of Calif. copy of instructions to the War Labor Board Chairman, Lloyd K. Garrison, from Stabilization Administrator John C. Collett, Dec. 3, 1945, which establishes the rights of labor to return to the hours and overtime rates in effect prior to August 3, 1942.

From the State B. & C.T.C. of Calif., a letter showing a court decision on the right of labor to organize, solicit membership and to exercise its right to free speech and assembly.

From State B. & C.T.C. an initiative proposal that would restrict all the rights of labor to remain organized.

From Senator Shelley a copy of Senate Bill No. 40, which was introduced by Senator Shelley and signed by the governor making it possible to pay disabled benefits to those entitled to unemployment insurance.

Received a report on the Central Valley Water Project.

Received a copy of a political speech by Attorney General Kenny.

A letter from State Federation of Labor setting forth the dangers of allowing price control being cancelled, and asked that we all write our U.S. Senator asking that he support the Office of Price Administration.

From State Federation of Labor a brief analysis of the new antilabor initiative petition.

From State B. & C.T.C. of Calif. a copy of award to plumbing contractors to raise their price ceiling.

A copy of minutes from B. & C.T.C. of Santa Clara County.

A copy of Labor League News.

A copy of U.S. News.

Two weekly news letters from State Federation of Labor.

Ero. Long reports his finding for the past two weeks. There are several of the building craft men from out of the community working here for local and out-of-town contractors. There is to be some remodeling work at the Monterey Airport; according to the report, it will be Federal Housing job. Plasterers report a shortage of hard wall plaster, and men to put it on. I met with the apprenticeship committee Monday, April 26, 1946, in the high school shop building with Mr. Wormley and Snider of the Veterans Administration, several things of interest to apprentices were discussed. Tools for carpenter apprentices will be purchased by the administration and allotted to the apprentices.

The tool question for other crafts was discussed by the council, it was stated that other crafts needs the tools of their trade as bad as the carpenter.

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